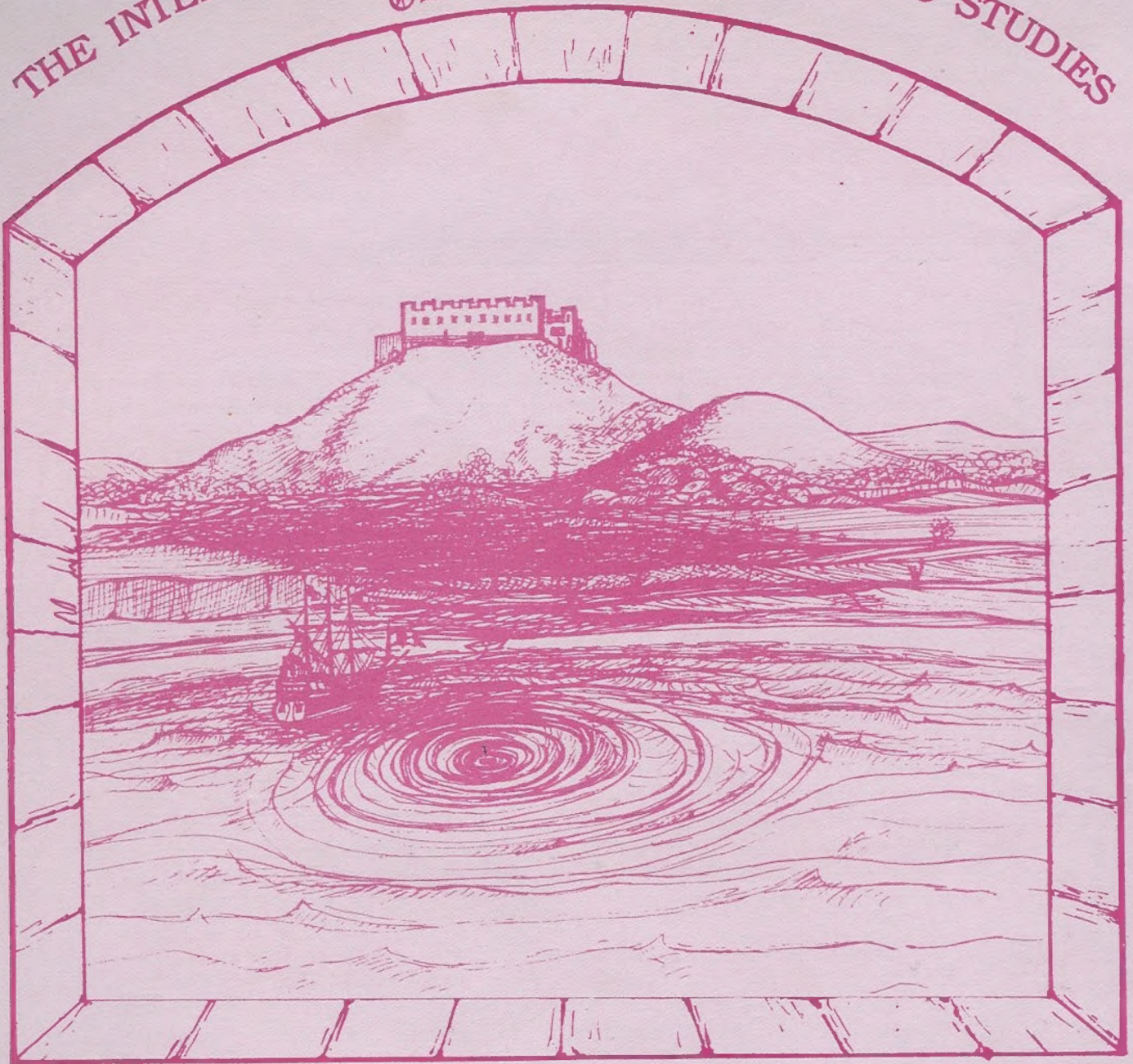


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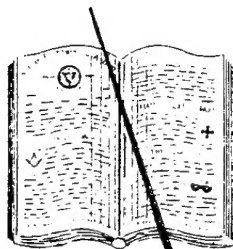
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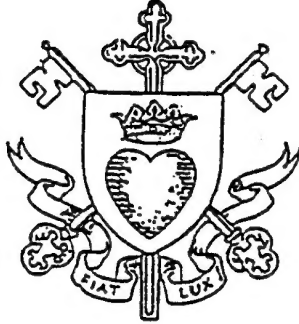
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Once every year we hold the Festival of Christmas where numerous wishes of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards men" are extended. For nigh on two thousand years, it is supposed, that this message has been told to the world.

The great religions of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism all carry this message of peace to mankind and, yet, in spite of the millions of adherents to these faiths, mankind finds itself in one of the most critical situations in recorded history.

What is the great secret, if any, of the peace that "passeth all understanding" for which many Christians pray for every week? What is the secret of attaining the "brotherhood of man" for which every religion prays without ceasing? Looking out into the world at this present time it would appear that all these prayers of peace and brotherhood fall upon the deaf ears of the Creator - or upon a Loving Heavenly Father in Heaven.

Can we be sure of an unshakeable and never-failing truth that is really in control of everything - and how do we come into the awareness of such a truth? Why do the words of the great teachers appear to fall flat?

Yes, the power of the "redeeming prescence" is still here; yes, there is that Great Love which cannot fail those who trust It; and yes, our lives can still have direction, meaning and purpose, but where do we actually find the joy and peace which we seek?

Looking out into the world with all its 'isms' and 'ologies' it is evident that there is no place out there upon which we can rely. Could it be that the Holy Books have been mis-interpreted - or that they are merely statements penned by scribes who have their own ideas about what the great teachers really said?

If the Spriritual Teachers really did teach the truth about the world and how men can find true happiness, where did they find such knowledge to pass on? Again, if such knowledge is available then we too should be in position to acquire the same information.

Should there be a Deity in charge of everything then it would seem illogical, from human standards, to run a world wherein many people suffer pain and starvation and suffer the injustices of rigid social systems. It seems illogical too that many appear to experience no happiness at all but

simply lead a life of tension from the cradle to the grave and that, in this world of so many conflicting moral standards, we are punished for 'sins' we do not know we are committing. Perhaps there is some secret wherein we can 'tweek' the ear of the Deity to give attention to our own particular case - so that our lives can be sure of a lasting Principle upon which we can rely for everything.

In a world where "A" levels are more important than learning how to cope with one's emotional problems and where monetarism and competition are encouraged rather than helping people to establish a closer bond of human relationships, it is difficult to find and maintain right values. For example, cancer and AIDS are the direct results of such a system and are the evidence of Mother Nature's revulsion to such unnatural states.

At this point we have to be honest with you to explain that if you so desire a more peaceful and enlightened life it means that, if your life is not in a good shape now, you will need to remould your whole attitude to life in order to achieve your deepest yearnings. There is no easy way to Truth - in fact, from the early beginnings, one can suffer pain and lost hopes during the 'rebirthing' period because one has to undergo the difficult task of throwing out all unwanted material in one's mind. All the great world teachers have taught this - from the Lord Buddha to the Lord Christ Jesus - and it is not until one can undertake to 'be born again' or 'be renewed by the renewing of your mind', we can honestly say that you will reach your goal. This is the reason why so many fail to reach the standard demanded by the Cosmic or Universal Principle.

Whilst this Principle is Divine Love Itself it purges all unlike material and cannot express Itself in self-centred human states of mind. Thus it is imperative that you cleanse your thoughts and desires from all human weaknesses until you become strong and resolute and overshadowed by your own Divine Immortal Soul which is the very embodiment of the Cosmic Life and Soul to which we all are a part. This process will result in God being Incarnate on Earth and Heaven becomes a Reality to you. The command of the Master Teacher is to be 'perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect'. Organised religion fights shy of this injunction.

From now on you can begin by placing no reliance on the man-made theories, suppositions and hypotheses rampant in the world, nor in political isms, religious dogmas or medical theories: the secret lies completely within your own being. Be absolutely true to the power of Life, or God, within your own being where the whole Truth of the Real Facts of Life are, not as we wish it, or hope or speculate it to be, but in Reality just how IT IS.

Our Life is already Perfect in Truth and this is how our 'Divine Parent' sees us and knows us and this is the only true knowledge that we should accept. By casting off all the 'old' material, old beliefs and ideas, life will begin anew and one enters upon 'the way' spoken of by the Patriarchs of old.

"Be renewed by the renewing of your mind", state the scriptures and so it is, this injunction must be obeyed before any lasting results can be experienced.

By dissolving the disturbing presences of hate, jealousy, power seeking and all wrong motives the Truth will present itself: when the mists of human fallacies have disappeared a new hope will be born in the heart; the first glimpses of the power of Love. A brighter light will be shed on all your approaches to Life and what the ancients called "Illumination" will also come to you.

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FOR MEDITATION

'There is no other Being beside me,' says our God.

This God is Love and Wisdom - Wisdom which is unfailing and Love which is the fulfilling of the Law, and is the only God and the fulness or wholeness of everything.

Because God is everywhere present in the whole of creation there is fulness in every point, every place within creation. Because of this fact it follows that there can be no other presence such as that which is believed to be evil.

Evil, then, is nothing more than the dark clouds erected in the minds of men and women by following their own ways: by being angry, possessive, self-seeking, and leading an undisciplined life they shut out the Pure Light of the Truth of their being from their awareness. Therefore, we must eliminate these things from our thoughts and deeds.

The Power of God's Love and Wisdom are always present, always available to help. By living a life of devotion and trust in the Light within we help to dispel our own clouds of ignorance.

So now let all our disturbed thoughts be dispelled by leaving all our dark deeds at the door of our Inner Sanctuary, and let us learn that an Illumined Life is in the living out of love and wisdom in every word and deed.



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LIVING IN THE LIGHT

When days are dull and clouds hang overhead one notices that people also appear dull and that they walk around in a miserable and discontented state. Then comes the first burst of sunlight through the dark clouds and one can see the expressions and attitudes change. When the Sun shines through the whole day the ladies don their bright colours and the men begin to whistle.

All this happens without any effort on anyone's part because it is natural: the response to Sunlight is a natural phenomenon.

Many people, especially those who belong to religious sects, speak of their "spiritual life" as if it were something separate from the normal life they are living: in fact, everything is really "spiritual" and everything is really "natural". The "mystic" or "gnostic" knows that there is only one way of life which is natural, and that everything is governed by one Supreme Law. That a "spiritual" and a "natural" way of life exist apart is not really the Way-It-Is. Thus to live in accordance with that which is truly "natural" is the way that everything Is. So to allow all our "clouds of ignorance" to be dispelled by the Light, or Inspiration from within, is the way spoken of by all the prophets. "Take my yoke upon you for my burden (or cross) is light (Light)" say the Gospels.

That which is True of our lives is that which is the most natural. Most people are conditioned by religion and certain communal moral standards but when a crisis occurs to them, or their loved ones, every pressure from outside is sidestepped and the "natural" response is to deal with the situation calmly and accurately. The inner power reveals Itself. One often hears the remark "I felt guided" or, "Something greater than me took over". Their religious beliefs and moral training is, for a space of time, forgotten.

Light is our natural element. Our very bodies are made up of numerous frequencies of pure light-energy and it is our attitude and understanding of the right way to live which

determines how this light-energy is made manifest in our experiences.

Every atom, every cell, every molecule is a unit, or group of units, of pure light-energy permanently occupied with following its own path of activity within the body structure and from the tiniest unit, to the colossal size of the galaxy, the same type of patterns evolve. Our heart beats virtually with the heart-throb of our Sun. Thus, in very Truth are we made in the image and likeness of That Source from which we stem in an immortal and mysterious way. Through the senses of the body we witness a teeming array of contradictions and paradoxies but deep within the core of our hearts lies the mystery of Life and the true rules for living.

When we say to enquirers "You must no longer rely on the systems or hypotheses in the world to learn the gnosis", many react and think that we are saying all out there is false; but this is not so. When we say that one must leave all behind to step into the unknown which can become known, we mean just that and this causes alarm for much has to be given up, even if what is known at the time seems valuable and a lot of effort has gone into acquiring even the amount of knowledge gained from experience. The answer to this predicament is that "God can write only on a clean slate whatever "wisdom" may already be written on it".

Begin by turning your thoughts to the truth that your very own body is the ensoulment of all the Holy Principles, energies and forces: that is the real meaning of being a "soul". Let your own body act as the living Temple of God in which you live and experience the many-coloured events in your life. Look upon life as an adventure, an expedition into new fields of endeavour, new outlooks, new people: awake to the ever-glorious radiance of the morning Sun and all those It shines upon and know that all beings are basking in and naturally enjoying Its Light. Contemplate the beauty and wonder of a never-ending, precision built, Universe in which all life exists and that Perfect Order reigns for those who know God.

By learning to live continually in the Light we come to know the true nature of that which we call "Darkness". Darkness is not evil - nor can it be in a Universe fashioned by an Intelligence that is Holy Love and Wisdom in quality and essence. No longer we fear it because in that Darkness lies all that which is not yet revealed to man. It contains the mystery of our beginnings and our endings: it is the womb out of which the seeds of Light are nourished and grow forth. It is the womb of our Cosmic Mother. Her Darkness is the soft blanket of comfort which envelopes us while yet we are asleep. The androgyne nature of our Cosmic Parent is

presented in the allegory of Light and Darkness experienced by us on this planet as Day and Night.

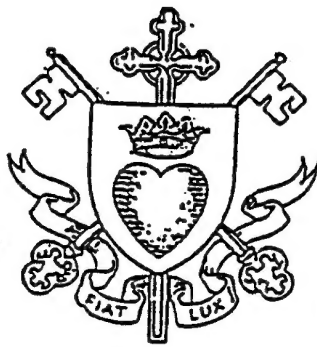
Within that Darkness lies the powerful rays, among many others, of ultra-violet and infra-red which can be used by man for many useful purposes. Thus, Darkness is not really a "darkness", absence of light, at all - it is merely that area of the Revealed Light which mankind is not yet fully aware. Light and Darkness can also represent the Masculine and Feminine aspects of the revealed Deity. The Scriptures also mention that Light and Darkness are the same to God (Psalm 139). In fact, in our teachings, one has to come to know that the two seeming aspects comprise but a completely balanced single unit or cell - the Mystical Marriage of "husband and wife" becoming as "one flesh" - or a single ensoulment.

If you can find time to sit in the Sun for a brief period, you can experience the fact that you are living on the peripheral of the Sun's own consciousness right where you are. If it were not for the Sun you just would not be sitting there and were the Sun to suddenly withdraw, life would cease to exist on this planet in spite of all its religious beliefs, so-called "advanced" technology and things learned over thousands of years. The Sun, then, to us is the magnificent symbol and embodied agent of the Very Light Itself being revealed to us. Should you be fortunate enough to witness a Sunrise you can benefit yourself by tuning into the Sun as if it were your close friend - for that it really is - you owe your very existence to it.

This beautiful Sunlight is absorbed by certain centres in the body and by a system of meditation, carefully followed, one can reach an almost perfect state of human experience. When we say "almost" we mean that because we have already been programmed by false knowledge it is difficult to banish this completely without suffering many privations - so it is better to work to a future perfect state in succeeding phases.

The Light shines forth from the Darkness for the Darkness contains the roots out of which Light proceeds - just like a living plant springing forth from the soil.

There is no harmful thing in the cosmic family when we understand it and co-operate. Most men and women battle against the things they are creating in ignorance, but the Sons and Daughters of Light know that they are One with the All and have nothing to fear.



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A NEW UNDERSTANDING

The ancient mystics spent much time in exploring the mysteries of man and his environment and through their disciplines discovered man's true purpose and how he could live in harmony with the other aspects of manifestation. Some systems, divised apart from the true discipline, have misguided many into believing that, on the one hand, the world is evil and one's life must be led in such a way as to avoid it; and on the other, that the world is evil but we have to fit in to the isms and ologies set up by politics and changing economic systems. It appears that neither of these outlooks bring satisfactory results into one's experience. All one's life a kind of war is continually being fought giving rise to feelings of insecurity and guilt, all being founded on the belief that life is a battle to be won over forces which are enemies to man: hence there is no peace. For this reason alone, whichever category one might find oneself in, it can be seen that to begin to lead a new way of life, time cannot be wasted in coming to terms with either of the above outlooks; neither can we start in the middle of these systems to find ourselves in a new one.

It is essential to start anew - right from the beginning to build upon an entirely different approach to life. Therefore, whatever one believes at this moment, if one is still seeking and not yet arrived, it is important to stand still and re-assess one's position and ask, "Am I nearer to that goal of understanding life than I was a while ago, or do I feel that I am still bobbing around?" If you cannot answer this question satisfactorily then it is time you took stock of your position. To come to a proper understanding of life demands a complete honesty of purpose and a devoted attitude to one's calling - your own calling.

One has a choice in taking matters into one's own hands or procrastinating at this point, whether we believe it or not. The Scriptures give many examples of the ability to choose and the outcome of the choices taken.

We can honestly say that if you still feel dissatisfied with life, then your assessments of life must be wrong. Therefore, to rely upon your own reasons for this or for that is in error or you would not be in the situation you are. This is pure logic and in that situation, to make excuses, to formulate or speculate upon

those areas of life which seem remote, or if you do not heed the information presented by an Elder Brother you become your own worst enemy.

Many sit and listen to a teacher but still make their own assessments of the material. Many sit solely to have their own views confirmed. These types gravitate from one 'leader' to another - from one book to another and never really come to know themselves honestly.

A lot of students start in the middle of a system. This means that they incorporate the results of their past enquiries into each new encounter and because, according to certain laws, this cannot work they find themselves unfulfilled. You can discover that if you decide with complete honesty of purpose to follow the Light under guidance, you can outstrip previous setbacks and head towards fulfilment in great strides. One must be willing, however, to place oneself under any amount of pressure in the early days' readjustment.

Let us explain how a system works. Say, for example, a system is set up in four parts, viz: Purification, Contemplation, Participation in activities, and Acceptance of one's unique place in the cosmic system: the goal of that system cannot be successfully reached by commencing, say, at the third part, until the first in the cosmic system, the goal of that system cannot be successfully reached by commencing, say, at the third part, until the first two conditions have been fulfilled or there will be much frustration and friction. One must build upon the basic tenets of a sure philosophy or one's dreams will collapse. Therefore, determined to set one's house in order it is better, as we have pointed out, to start at the beginning and be truly 'born again'.

The truth about man and the universe has been known for many thousands of years. Many false systems and religions have come and gone in that time and those who have maintained the True Light have been persecuted and murdered by power-seeking mortals. The Eternal Law can never be banished neither can the Ekklesia of Light be destroyed. Mortals eventually destroy themselves by their own ignorance because they cannot accept the truth that corrupt minds bring forth corrupt forms of what they believe to be the Truth. In fact their 'Spiritual Truths' are nothing more than an inverted form of 'materialism'. The way to immortality cannot be founded on any mortal understanding of Truth. Only the Truth and Light, being the Cosmic Intelligence Itself, can know Itself - therefore each one of us must come to eliminate the concepts of our 'mortal understanding' before we can come to know the mystery of the Truth as It Is.

Enlightenment is not a matter of receiving some new 'charasmatic' powers from 'above' but rather being a natural loving person with no hatred towards any living thing. Being an expert in Theology,

a High Grade Mason, a Powerful Magician or Head of a Church is no sign of being a real member of the true Spiritual Brotherhood. A sincere person who can see what is wrong with 'the world' and tries to live according to the Law of Love can at least be considered as a citizen of the Spiritual Kingdom on Earth whether or not they are aware of it.

Mortals, that is mankind having a materialistic sense of himself, believe in the cessation of life, the need to suffer, the need to fight germs, to fight conditions - in fact to fight every evil - all of which are 'mortal', or transient concepts which when entertained bar one from knowing the opposites: immortality, wholeness and truth. Cultivate then a sense of the "goodness of things", the beauty and wholeness of life and the perfect order existing in Reality. In all your spare moments contemplate the Universe as being the incorruptible expression of Life of which you are an essential part - for as the Universe is Wholeness Itself, then you right where you are, are a unique requirement in Its Own fulfilment.

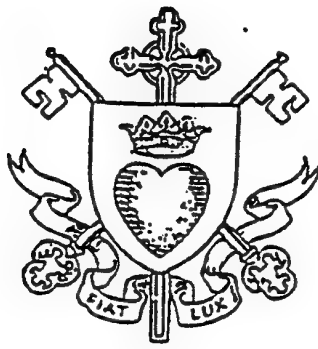
As the nature of Life is Absolute Love, in all of its aspects, It lives Its experience of Itself in and through your own expression and as Love is the fulfilment of the Law, which can never fail, then the only way to be your true self is to let this Love be fulfilled in you. Because this Love is pure, immortal, ever perfect, whole and complete in every aspect it follows that when imperfect and corrupt thoughts are entertained it is impossibility to come to know the Reality of things. The only way is to come at one with Life - to perfect your own ways and pursuits, to let go your own hypothesis and suppositions about life, and let Life of Itself dwell with you - then will you learn that You and It are really One.

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And Elohim said "Let us make man in our own image and likeness" and Elohim created mankind out of their own mind in their own kind - male and female. Thus Elohim manifested themselves as men and women equal in right and expression. Thus are the Masculine and Feminine aspects of deity revealed in mankind and all creation for creation is maintained by the incessant process of conjugal love.

The woman gives her blood to her offspring just as the man gives his seed to be nourished by that blood. The true religion acknowledges the equality of both man and woman for they both are as one productive unit in the Divine Economy and requisite for the vehicular expression of manifested life.

The bread and wine of the Eucharist represent the Masculine and Feminine aspects of the One Androgyne God - whose name is Love and Wisdom.



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THE RADIANCE OF LIVING IN THE LIGHT

When we are living in the Light of Truth we naturally radiate the joy and activity of the power from within. Each set-back is a challenge, every mysterious channel leads to an intelligent enquiry, and Life as a whole in the world reveals to us the importance of taking stock of everything from the centre of being.

In the world we encounter confusion, unhappiness and happenings with little meaning. To try to put things in order is like trying to sweep back the tide on the sea-shore. At the centre of ourselves, within our own Sanctuary of Light, all is still and no answers to life are necessary. The outer world seems but a dream with its myriads of changing patterns. In our true world we have time to reflect upon the beauty of nature and the wonders of life.

As we begin to change our attitudes and life-styles a new meaning to life emerges. We discover that we are a part of something more wonderful, more lasting and more ennobling to our very nature. Of a truth we are nature itself seeking to consummate Its own meaning and purpose.

The secret in experiencing the essence of Reality is to allow the very Life Itself to come in, like a welcome friend, and share everything. This real life is the Light of Truth - the power of the ever-radiant Sun dwelling with you and teaching the secrets of Itself and how to live as one of Its Children - as a child of 'immortality'.

To test your own capacity to enable the Light Force to give you added zest, we suggest that you seat yourself comfortably in the presence of the Sunlight. When you are relaxed, close your eyes and raise your head so that you can feel the Sun's warmth at the level of your eyes. Remember that you must not look directly at the Sun for this can give you considerable pain and damage might ensue.

Now try to gather up from within yourself all effort to actually feel the Sun's energy flowing through your whole body - giving it added vitality. Try this for about 15 minutes only. When you feel that you are at one with the

Power of the Sun you will have successfully completed this exercise. About three times per week should be sufficient.

The Sun is the image of the Elohim - one of the family of countless Gods in outer space - these mighty Beings which radiate their own forms of life into their own Solar Systems. As we have said before our bodies are the collective ensoulment of the atoms and elements reaching throughout the timeless space and by this fact the Ancients taught that Man was the epitome of the Universe. All knowledge is available to Man because of the elemental bridges and links that appear as mighty networks enabling a constant communication to take place between every dimension of experience.

When we say "Man" we mean the God-specie expressed by the Solar Consciousness. That is that there is only One Man-God in our experience and "mankind" is the outpouring or manifestation of the One Man-God. As individuals we represent the vehicles for the myriads of experiences that Our Host is having simultaneously. That which appears to be "death" to us then is nothing more than the continual changing, upgrading and casting off of expended experiences within the mind of the One Man-God. We as individuals then, assuming our Divine Right are the God-Man in manifestation. Our True Heritage lies in the Great Cosmic Truth that we are all Sons and Daughters of the Sun - our Parent being the Pure Androgyne expressing as Male and Female in equal right and capacity. All human Male-centred organisations and religions are therefore out of balance because the Female qualities are of equal importance to Our God to maintain a balanced and continual flow of expression: by the same token an over emphasis of the feminine aspect is equally unbalanced. All creation is kept in manifestation by the continual "sexing" of the two kinds of expression. By this fact no one can be barred from the right to become a Priest of the Most High God. We are speaking here of the Manifested God when we refer to the Androgyne Creator or Divine Sun. There is still that Great Central Sun, or Unknown Quantity, from which everything proceeds and which can be only understood when we have learned our lessons of Love (Agapé) on this Planet and others within our own system.

When the Sun is 'not shining' continue with your exercises but trying to feel at one with It. Remember It is always there whether you can see It or not. Alternate your meditation with the things you wish to cultivate in your own nature. For example, say that you feel the need for more Understanding or Compassion - whilst you are 'tuning in' to the Sun remember that the quality you are trying to learn is already an actuality within the Sun's own expression. Therefore 'feel' as if it were actually expressing Itself as a natural expression of yourself. It is dangerous to use

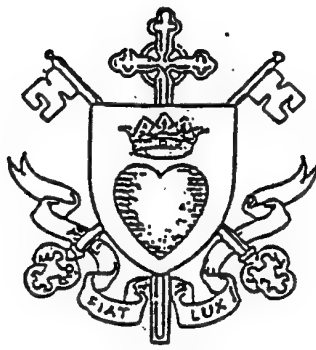
these forces for material gain - that is - one should only use these methods for one's Spiritual awareness and development.

As we have mentioned before the Sun is the form of a living entity so is our planet a living form within the area of Solar Consciousness. By tradition this planet is called Mother Earth - and little wonder since all that life which is in evidence around us is given nourishment here by response to the rays from the Radiant Sun.

In reality, we are all one family here on this planet in particular, and it would not be wrong to suggest that the Sun is playing the part of a Father and the Earth a Mother. There are also life-forms on the other planets within our system just as there are throughout the whole galaxy. When we gaze at the sky on a dark night and witness myriads of star-forms we are looking upon a host of different entities each with their own individual life-patterns and varying life-forms. From the Greatest to the Least all life reflects the Light from the Great Central Sun - sometimes known as the Unknown God. This God, in Its lesser sense, becomes known in you and me.

In the earlier days on this planet an assembly of beings well versed in the knowledge of the Laws governing the Cosmos commenced a channel, an order or school, wherein the people could come to understand life and its mysteries, where answers could be found to the disquieting conditions that are set up by following false standards and hypotheses regarding life, and it was decreed that there would be a never-ending succession of counsellors in an area set aside for this purpose. This "area" is not always a physically located because, as we are dealing with spiritual matters, it really exists in all dimensions. It could be defined as a 'spiritual kingdom' and is mentioned in many of the myths and legends at large in various countries on this planet. These areas, usually about seven at one time are governed by what are known as Princes of Light, Priest-Kings or Solar-Priest Kings. In the east they are sometimes referred to as the "Kumaris" or "Maha-Chohans". From the Judaic-Christian and Muslim sources the order is known as the "Order of Melchisedek". Whilst these beings or areas are not specifically 'organised' or 'decreed' by the Source of Everything, they are formulated by the Spiritual Hierarchy in order to help struggling mankind on this planet. These labels are for identification purposes only.

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THE RADIANCE OF LIVING IN THE LIGHT (2)

Most of the organised religions existing today possess - or have a 'built-in' solar-system rhythm. For example, many religious systems arrange their ceremonies to fit in with either Lunar or Solar cycles. Much of the background of Christianity is Solar based because the Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festivals were formerly Solar Festivals which have been "Christianised".

Eusebius the Bishop who is well-known for his dealings with the Emperor Constantine during the Nicene Council in 325AD commenced the 'paganisation' of the Christian Religion by adopting material from other sources and also in humanising the Christ. He writes in his literature that the four Gospels came from the Essenes and 'Jesus' represented their Saviour used in its allegorical sense. Prof. Yadin in his book "The Temple Scroll" clearly points out that the Christian religion adopted many of the Essene teachings and practices and proves that much of the Christian teaching was in existence long before the "Christian era". The Essenes' ceremonies followed Solar principles as opposed to the Jewish sects who followed the Lunar cycles.

However, the True Solar Religion is free from all kinds of sectarianism and recognises the right of every man to worship the One Light in his own way because, at the end of the day, each one of us is responsible, as an individual, to the Divine Law and cannot escape the precision of the Law of Justice, or the Law of Cause and Effect, in the outworking of human affairs on this planet. Most of the Great Teachers have made this clear in their teachings. Today Christians accept 'Jesus' as uniquely the Son of God and not just one of the 'Great Teachers' and it is here that the majority of people who call themselves Christian are entirely ignorant of the background of their own religion, swallowing the dogmas and doctrines promulgated by the church and emotionally accepting the suppositions of others who claim to be 'moved by the Holy Spirit'.

In our work it is essential to be aware of all these facts and approach Life in a mature and knowledgeable way - for many seek some miraculous answer to their problems and others dream of powerful rituals and meditations which will help them to banish all their troubles.

Only by right living and acting will life reflect one's stability and one will remain protected from any of the 'terrible' things rampant in the world today for Divine Truth is in Itself a Sanctuary wherein one proves that we can live in the "world"

and not be 'of it' in relation to all the grasping and seeking after false prophets.

If one studies The Holy Bible carefully one can see the veiled hints to a perfect way - a way wherein "God's thoughts are not our thoughts; neither are His ways our ways". Gnostics are accused of teaching that the "world is evil". It is not the world which is evil but the ways and philosophies of man which are 'evil', or in the other words are not founded on Truth. Why was it necessary for Jesus to "overcome the world" if it was all right? and why did he say, "In the world you will have great tribulation"? In his healings he clearly showed that disease was the result, or effect, of a diseased approach to life. In this day and age we are too ready to blame some 'bug' or other rather than face the truth of our lack of responsibility with respect to the world.

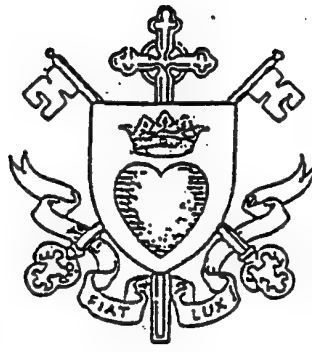
To delve too deeply into Cosmic Truths without pure motives and some awareness of the Light within oneself steps up our own troubles because the Solar Power magnifies whatever is exposed before it. Our task is to see that we get ourselves in line with the "Things That Are" before we can begin to experience the glory of God's power within us - Emmanuel.

We have before us each day the living symbol of Light and Life - the Sun which is shining at a distance of approximately 93 million miles but whose rays reach us here and it is this Light and Life - the same Essence - the same nature - the same power - which lives in us.

In the Solar Teachings the Sun is referred to as the Christ, Christos or Christ/Helios which means the anointed Sun. Within the allegory this represents the principle of ruling all principalities and powers on this planet and thus representing the Sovereign Sun.

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* O Light of Truth within my heart Thou dost reveal all that *
* is Real and True; Thou dost show me the path which leads to *
* Righteousness and Thy Pure Love and Wisdom. In Thy strength *
* I hold to that which is according to Thine Own Law; Thy *
* Presence is continually with me. *
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Our School lies in direct succession from the Ancient Patriarchs and it is they who have shown us that the teachings have to be re-organised and re-synthesised in successive generations because the outlook of man is continually changing. What does not change, however, is the requisite discipline to enable the aspirant to realise his, or her, oneness with Eternal Truths. The right discipline encompasses all the work necessary (or the spiritual exercises) to achieve the fulfilment of our teaching - Man's union with God.



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NATURAL LIGHT & LIFE

When the ancient Patriarchs gave us the teachings on the Light it did not altogether mean the Inner Light, or Inspiration. To them it would include the reflected aspects of that which appeared in the third dimensional experience.

From this we can say that that which we call "physical" Light is equally important as "spiritual" light because one is the emanation of the other. The outer reflection is the spouse or husband to the Inner Light.

When we go about we see many people wearing dark glasses or 'sun-glasses' to help cut down the glare from the Sun. Sun Priests, however, welcome as much sunlight as is possible to tolerate physically and because of this their general health and sight is good. Light becomes an important healing medium and sunlight an excellent tonic to the mind and body.

The follower of the Natural Spiritual Process of Living learns slowly that the Light perceived by the eyes is the reflection of the Powerful Inner Light which irradiates from the Source. Thus, the Complete Range of Light, with all of its teeming phenomena, is but One in Unison. Each facet represents a different understanding to the Mind of Man.

Let us now touch upon a very important phenomenon familiar to all mystics, all followers of the heart religion wherever it is found.

During meditation, or prayer, when the eyes are closed, one can become aware of luminous emanations within. Within the head we can actually see a beautiful violet, or purple, light pulsating with great power. Sometimes other colours can be seen merged, or coming forth, from the violet light. This Purple, or violet, Light is referred to as the Flame of the Inner Altar within the Body Temple. We can experience a deep sense of our Inner Being when this Light is seen and, to Higher Beings, is also indicative of our present Spiritual rating.

To develop the capacity of becoming aware of this Inner Altar Flame we should at all times, during our meditative periods, relax as much as possible. This can be achieved by being seated comfortably, with spine erect, and doing some deep breathing exercises. Breathe steadily inwards until you feel "comfortably full" of air; then let it inflate the bowel area by pushing the air downwards (this will raise your lower stomach area); hold this for about 7 seconds then exhale slowly. Do this 7 or 8 times then relax and breathe normally.

When you have been successful in obtaining a comfortable relaxed feeling then close your eyes and gaze inwardly to the centre of your head (within the skull). Now repeat the breathing exercise and at the same time imagine that you are breathing in the air from the point within the head. Should you develop a headache stop the exercise at once but do not worry and try again the next day. Never over-do these exercises because nothing is gained by becoming tense at not succeeding.

The air which we breathe contains the physical essence of Light. Breath is referred to in the Old Testament Scriptures as Nephesh - the Spirit of Life - quite a physical thing really. Because, according to the teaching, everything is Real - so is this Inner Violet Light and the feeling of well being achieved by deep breathing and the enjoyment of Sunshine.

All the great Sages and Patriarchs enjoy the natural and most simple things in Life. Love and Wisdom are the true fount of knowledge and the secret of this is in being your own natural self without any deviations, sexual or moral, and in fulfilling your own unique place within the Cosmic Scheme.

It is good to experience as much bright Sunlight as is possible. In Britain it is difficult to do this during the winter months so one should compensate by saturating oneself with bright and beautiful colours - avoiding the dark and muddy colours of some modern commercial outlets.

The teachings of Jesus say: "Let your Light so shine ..." and "The Light of the Body is in the eye". From this latter statement we can learn that, according to another writer, the eyes are the windows of the soul. So as windows we should allow Light to enter our human Temple and then in reciprocation allow It to shine forth from within as right thought and action - the natural rhythm. The natural rhythms of breathing in and out, eating and eliminating, resting and working, studying and applying are all essential to experience a balanced life. The idea of long fasts, leading a monastic life like a recluse and in fact the idea

of imposing any repressive system upon ones self is a barrier to knowing the deeper mysteries of life.

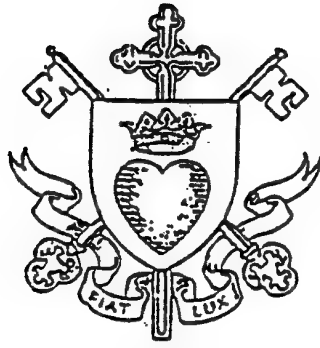
We are time-locked into our body rhythms and the present wave of interest in "bio-rhythms" proves this point but by mechanically working out all of these rhythms we frustrate ourselves in trying to keep up with acting in accordance with them. It is better for the mind not to be concerned; but rather get on with living the noble life. Our achievements are in over-coming our obstacles not in conforming to their cycles.

We quote here for the book "The Ancient Patriarchs and their Teachings" by George Boyer, who is versed in the Inner Mysteries, "It can be found that when people are allowed to live nearer to nature - the harmony it produces enables them to acquire more accurate information about the Universe itself; whereas the minds that are following set doctrines and dogmas, when feeling the need to break free, find themselves revolving within a mental boundary beyond which they cannot pass."

The many deviations occurring in the human sphere today are indicative of the following of teachings assumed to be true. These deviations produce the many ills rampant in human affairs wherein no right solutions are available to those following false philosophies. Any philosophy, or religion, which denies the right for one to think for ones-self can be deemed a mere hypothesis and is far from the truth.

The Light of Truth reveals the freedom of the human soul from bondage and the right of every person to share in humanity's access to the fruits of the earth and heaven. Until mankind can understand that the fruits of the earth should be and are shared as in a family, it cannot possibly claim to know the fruits of the Spirit. Jesus implied that if we couldn't understand the things we could see, we might as well admit that we are not the spritually motivated people we claim to be.

This self-same Jesus claimed "I am the Light of the World". How are we to understand this? To what was he referring? The only Light we see without is the Sun. The only Light we experience within is love and wisdom dedicated to the service of others.



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COLOURFUL LIFE

If we have been doing our breathing exercises as explained in the last lecture, we should, by now, be feeling a little healthier and more vibrant even if we have not yet been able to see the Violet Light.

The Pure Light, at Source, is Brilliant Irrescent White and when It becomes refracted through dense objects It appears in many shades and tints all stemming from three basic colours. From these three Primary Colours we get four others by the blending of these in varying proportions - thus we speak of Seven main colours. A rainbow gives us a good example of how the light appears when it is broken up through the raindrops in the atmosphere. The same effect can be seen when Light is projected through a prism. People too, being dense bodies, refract the light and also show colours in varying degrees with some colours being more prominent than others. In this manner we could speak of a Red Type Person, a Blue Type, Yellow Type and so on. The colours reflected from human bodies often indicate the personality traits and general attitudes of the person concerned.

Nature expresses Herself in myriads of colours, shades, tints and hues - in fact She reveals Her beauty in Colour and Movement. We should try to emulate Her by appreciating more colours in our own environment. Colourful surroundings, nice bright clothes all go to help us create more joy and harmony in our experiences. Brighten your dull days with beautiful colours and you will feel better without much effort.

The secret in successful living lies in one's effort to grow into maturity. When a person becomes fully integrated into the correct rhythm of life he, or she, no longer needs the communal laws, the church or politics to fashion ideas or have the way of life laid down by outsiders. A Mature Person is free and does not perform any act that would be harmful to the community. The truth is that when one reaches the Perfection spoken of in the Sacred Philosophies, from nature's point of view, one becomes a genuine Elder within the Divine Scheme of things.

Because, from the Light's point of view, the individual is not recognised as being any particular "colour" he, or she, partakes of the Pure White Light. In the Sacred History, the Patriarchs and members of advanced Orders wore white clothing with a slight colour decoration to denote their particular channel for helping others. The Essenes and the Druids wore white dress. The clergy in our church wear white robes with a touch of yellow gold to indicate the Sun.

Being ourselves should be the easiest thing possible but because we become tense and inhibited with our own ideas and image of ourselves, we suffer accordingly. Confidence in our own powers to act and live freely are lost when we maintain a low image of our own capabilities. To help ourselves through loss of confidence we should take stock of our weak points and then be determined to go ahead do the things we want to do in spite of the seeming obstacles. Only by this method can we regain our confidence and respect for ourself. It is no use praying or meditating about it because in the end we will be forced to move.

The more we become aware of the power of the Divine Light the more the unpleasant side of our life appears as dark shadows which will vanish away as we apply the right actions in the face of problems. Light is energy and energy is movement. Without movement of energy there is no revealed and active life.

Light, especially the White Light, is pure undifferentiated energy and can only reveal its powerful effect by conscious movement in the mind of man. Thus our Light within will have no power in our lives until we consciously, by effort of will, allow it to flow into the required channels wherein we feel we need it most. As Children of the Most High we need to exercise our Divine Right and manipulate the energies and forces within us to dispel our own hang-ups - then do we become a powerful channel to allow it to flow to others and dispel their darkness too. Students of the True Knowledge (Gnosis) should cultivate an attitude of 'indifferent assurance' to what is viewed externally as the errors and sufferings of mankind. At Source everything flows harmoniously and perfectly into being. The 'Evils' are the reflected images of man's 'wilfulness' or misuse of the will. Some people cause pain and suffering to others - such as those who promote wars, rob others and deliberately act in an anti-social manner.

Gnosticism is neither a cosy and comfortable teaching which allows one to rest in a heaven as is built up in purely metaphysical system, nor does it expect that a point will be reached of basking in the sunshine of one's own Illumination. Whilst the Gnosis indicates a condition of Inner Peace it is a state misunderstood by those students wandering around the Inner Sanctuary but who are afraid to enter in. A perfectly immobile state is one wherein a soul ceases to grow and mature in the fulfilment of its destiny.

If one is dreaming of becoming an Archon or a teacher, then hard work has to be undertaken to face up to and overcome one's inner demons. In fact the mystical allegories are teeming with the kinds of experiences which must be encountered before reaching 'Inner Peace' (a concept which can be misunderstood by a novice to escape responsibility). Jesus asked his followers to be doers of the Word not hearers only: there can be no attainment in remaining still. We move best by helping others to come to the Light. This movement opens, or unlocks, our Inner Door to the Spirit within for our Inner Power flows from within outwards.

Those who fear what lies ahead are not ready for the Inner Teachings because only those who are prepared to deal firmly with themselves can stand the pace: It is impossible to become a 'Master of Life' if one is not prepared to master the stumbling blocks to freedom. Nature does not impart her knowledge to weaklings.

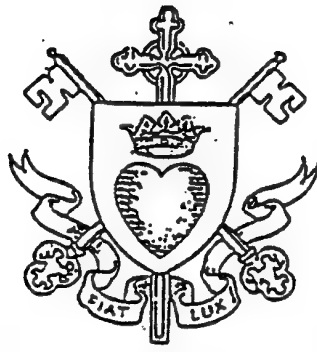
Using the Sacred Knowledge as a form of escapism from the turmoil of the world will not succeed for, whilst it would appear that one becomes impervious to worldly conditions, it is still necessary to perform the natural movements of life and accept the responsibilities of one's position in society. Truth makes us free from reacting to mankind's false ideals and pursuits and from the limited concepts held about ourselves.

There is a time in our quest when the Inner Sanctuary demands action - yes, even involvement in the world - this is sacrifice wherein one can add one's understanding to the mass consciousness.

Even humanly supposed 'good characters' can miss the mark of their responsibilities to others by being too self-centred in their own troubles. Whilst we have to keep ourselves in line, or at one, with the Cosmic Mind we should not pre-suppose that this is all we have to do; the true initiate is the servant of others; forgetting one's limitations is the way to overcome them.

We have shown the pitfalls and barriers to Illumination. With perseverance dare to stand in the Light of courage and understanding and your inner demons will gradually disappear.

Live life in the now and take each moment as it comes in its newness without analysing life or pre-supposing events, allowing your natural inner response to come into expression - then life will take on new colours of meaning and movement.



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A CALL TO SERVICE

As you are reading this lecture you are most likely sitting comfortably in your own home, or room, with the world shut out from you. Whilst reading this lecture you are in touch with the Inner Core of the Earth's Mysteries for it, the lecture, is prepared by a real, living, Prince of Light and a Grand Archon of the final path to your own Inner Discovery.

These lectures are not designed to make you feel comfortable or to give you a warm feeling of satisfaction with your own progress - you should have graduated beyond that by now.

Out there, in the world, at this moment there is some mother grieving over the death of her child or husband. Out there are poor souls who do not know how to find enough food to nourish their physical bodies. Out there are people with all kinds of problems: parents with disobedient children; commercial managers with business and staff problems. Out there are people suffering from incurable and terminal diseases. "All right," you might say, "but have not these people brought it upon themselves? Have not they earned the fruit of their past labours?"

Yes - all this is true but who is going to be called out to accept the responsibility of being a guide or teacher to help the lesser brothers and sisters who are bound by ignorance?

You can go on receiving these lectures and read books about the Inner Mysteries forever. You might dream that some day you will become a teacher or a member of the fabled Great White Brotherhood but no prize is attained nor the transcendence of the human soul over every difficulty without hard work.

By your effort to help others to see the laws at work in the universe and by helping them to help themselves, you enter the way of compassion and develop a strong and resolute

nature. This enables you to rise higher into other realms of awareness which you had not known before.

The way is not an armchair situation. It demands a response to the call to action, for it is only in action that the energies can flow through you to become formulated into practical experience. You find joy at the achievement of a 'lost soul' also finding itself again.

Ours is not a way of proselytizing for new members to purposely establish a group or church. We are here to set the disciples' feet honestly and squarely on the way they should go. You cannot equate our work with that of other schools. We stand at the point where these schools eventually must arrive. We live in a 'Spiritual' world and our ways and actions are not as they appear in the so-called 'material' world. Worldly ways, philosophies and means of approaching situations differ - that is why it takes a long time to understand our workings. If you try to evaluate and judge our methods by your own human critical faculties you will fail to understand. That is why we entreat you to give up conceptualising and judging.

Your Inner Divine Soul, the real self, understands Its own language and we speak that language. Therefore whatever is happening to you, whatever you must do, to interpret the language of your own inner light, is to first stop the chattering of your own human phase of mind and listen. The ways of the Spirit are alien to human suppositions but they will dissolve human problems.

Instead of "sitting at the Master's feet" all one's life and waiting for the "words of wisdom" to be uttered - one has to finally decide to move and work amongst one's fellows. We cannot remain students all our life. We need to 'graduate' and take up our profession sincerely and honestly. Then, and only then, can we know that what we have formerly believed is True. Only then can we experience the power of our own inner light.

Asceticism shuts us off from our fellows, from knowing their problems: their problem is our problem for mankind is one organism within the Cosmic structure. We can never reach our final heaven whilst one part of our body suffers. We are a whole unit, a holy family working our way towards the fulfilment of a "heaven on earth", and whilst one member stands aloof being highly concerned with his or her own troubles, the rest of the family cannot be helped. To take action needs courage. By striving to help others overcome their difficulties yours will automatically fall away.

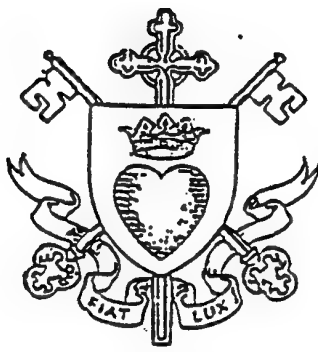
Knowledge is the opposite to ignorance. Those who suffer are in the ignorance or they do not know how to love each

other. By being what you profess to be (that is a Child of Light) is to make yourself a vehicle for service and the Inner Light by becoming a servant of your fellows. The motto in our work is "The servants of the servants of God" which implies more than is at first apparent.

The word 'Ekklesia' means called out. In the west this meaning has come to be applied to 'church'. As is written in the Holy Scriptures there are those called out for service. This calling is the voice of your own Divine Soul seeking to fulfil Itself in the service of others. You must drop the "poor little me" attitude to life if you desire to class yourself as an initiate of the mysteries or you are not worthy of your calling, and unable to fulfil your task.

Your own "called outness" is your own choice - your sincere response to the inner voice. If you complain that you have not yet heard this voice, or are still awaiting enlightenment, you are placing your own errors first which act as a cloud over the Sanctuary. The Inner Voice is constantly calling, incessantly every moment, and there are no propitious moments or special times when one should listen. If you cannot hear now, you will not hear tomorrow for its message will never change as long as one soul languishes in the darkness of its own ignorance, irrespective of whether or not it is recognized it is always there making itself known. The way of the Spiritual Priesthood, a true brother or sister of the Light, is to accept the Truth of the moment and to know how the Truth makes one free.

Many people will sit and watch the television soap operas, they will fret themselves over the circumstances portrayed in these programmes and discuss the problems of the fictitious characters. This is a form of escapism. How many will rouse themselves to encounter the real problems in their own families, their own environment? If it were not for the workers there would be no-one to deal with their problems. If it were not for the teachers and leaders in the Spiritual Schools, those who take it upon themselves to supply lessons and to make it their business to contact the highest authorities in the mysteries, then there would be no 'mystery' schools, no churches, no groups to turn to for help. Many workers pay expenses from their own pockets because they are honestly and sincerely devoted to the tasks that lie ahead. Which side are you on? Where do you place yourself in the scheme of things? We are all now in the very situation that we have placed ourselves. A 'master of life' becomes so by his own hand - by the toil and sweat of striving and rising free over all obstacles.



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DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY

We have been asked by several students why it is that we place much stress upon the pitfalls and barriers to the Light and do not spend enough time on the directions to attain It. The plain and simple truth is this, too many people are looking for something startling and quite unnatural to the normal way of life - when in fact the whole truth is that when affairs in life are proceeding normally and we are able to face the everyday experiences in a confident and carefree way - that IS the Life.

The Reality of Life is always in evidence - no-one can destroy or eliminate It. If we can eliminate the barriers - then Life IS normal. A Normal Harmonious and Contented Life IS the Reality and the Truth.

The true initiate is the one who is able to cope with his, or her, own arising problems and to apply ones-self confidently to every situation - to participate and enjoy every moment. This is genuine freedom. There is nothing "supernatural" or "awe-inspiring" about the real God-guided Life. God is involved in every facet of our lives - from visiting the toilet to meditating in the Sanctuary. God is infused into His/Her own world and is therefore in complete control of every moment.

It is no use striving to attain states of awareness which do not exist. Far too many of these states are nothing more than mere figments of the imagination pre-supposed by those who are seeking some form of escapism.

In the Gospel of Philip, Jesus points out that the kingdom will not come by waiting for it - it is not a matter of saying it is Here or There - it is already here and all around but men do not recognise it.

True religion is not a way of escaping our everyday responsibilities. It is a way of life that is deemed natural to mankind. A way wherein one is able to fulfil one's life to the full and which helps us to get the best

out of everything we do and to be in harmonious relationship with our families and all our fellows - at work and play. Jesus teaches that His presence is here for us to experience a more abundant life. It is in error to believe that this statement refers to an abundance of material possessions - it refers to the fact that our abundance is in spiritual gifts. With trust in the Light within we learn to "abase and abound" - as St Paul puts it. Our real abundance is in the fulness of things - in an abundance of health, joy and satisfaction in soul and body.

Some factions of Christendom teach that suffering is here to show us a way to God. But as Jesus associated diseases with sin it must follow that suffering is brought about by living in ignorance and so cannot be God-ordained.

The message of God is that life is to be lived more abundantly and this cannot be the case where people are suffering all their life.

It is the Truth which makes one free, taught Jesus, and looking around at the suffering in the world today - even within the Christian religion - it would appear that the healing forces are not very evident as everyone relies on drugs and external systems for their release. There is little trust in the Power of God in our lives to bring about big changes. To live in the power and knowledge of God means the revelation of His "promises", or nature, being revealed as Wisdom, Justice and Love and these, in their wake, gradually diminish the diseases brought about by erroneous living. Attending church services regularly and obeying "church" rules are not actions necessarily rooted in Truth according to the Reality of Things. One cannot reap figs from thistles.

Truth is supposedly that which is worked out by Church Councils. More often than not the edicts of these Councils are nothing more than the desire of those present to perpetuate a prevailing situation and wherein they lose no Power of authority.

Whilst we do not recommend a totally introvert way of looking at things it is helpful to remember that most things in the world are in the reverse of the Source from which they stem. Consciousness acts as a mirror to ideas proceeding from the Source nothing therefore is really evil: it is the way we use each situation which determines our experience. We use each moment either to work effectively i.e. to act rightly, or use them to our own ends - that is either to bolster up the poor image we have of ourselves or to cover up the skeletons in our mental cupboard. To operate double standards continually will bring about a situation wherein one becomes blind to the Light within and not able

to recognise its promptings. Human hypotheses can produce a 'fake truth'.

It is advisable then in every situation when a problem or a need to make a decision arises, to take a second look at the circumstances. In most cases when the barriers of human interference are removed the circumstances change. It is good to approach life with an attitude of "all is well" for even in the most gruelling of experiences one can find that still centre wherein no error lies and events lose their nerve-wracking powers over the mind. Very often an enlightened person can be assailed with the most seemingly terrible conditions - these are the pressures from outside which stand as a swirling tide beating against the rock of faith and trust in the Divinity. The calm centre sometimes creates a kind of maelstrom in the energies and forces in close proximity to it and people who are in tune with unnatural forces can suffer. This is a 'mystery' not to be overlooked!

Much reading and study that was forbidden by the organised Church is having to be accepted today under different guises such as psychiatry, psychosomatics, or holistic medicine. This evidence should be enough to prove that the fixed dogmas of the Church are not sufficient to a 'perfect life' in Christ.

To us being a Christian means being erudite in the history of religion, the scriptures and the complete make-up of man in relation to the world in which he lives. This includes the natural laws of living - biological and mental. If man fails to understand himself he cannot, in all honesty, rely upon his own hypotheses regarding the meaning of God or the Christ! Blind faith in a set of creeds and dogmas lead to spiritual despotism as is evident today in the field of mankind's understanding of sexuality.

The present upsurge in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, such as AIDS, herpes and cervical cancer, are the evidence of a lack of moral discipline amongst those who would be shocked if they were not to be regarded as "Christian". From reports, homosexuality is common in exclusively male religious orders where the feminine influence is regarded as taboo, where celibacy is supposedly a Christian virtue. It was not surprising when one notable Cardinal Archbishop is reported to have appeared sympathetic in the case of a soliciting male homosexual and yet under the influence of the tenets of the religion to which he belonged, sexual intercourse with a female would have been deemed a sin. This is basically the case in most of the sexual deviations, rape, broken marriages and mass hooliganism today. Because the religion to which man belongs is sexually unbalanced this influence grows like an alien body in the soul of the community. Man truly does not understand

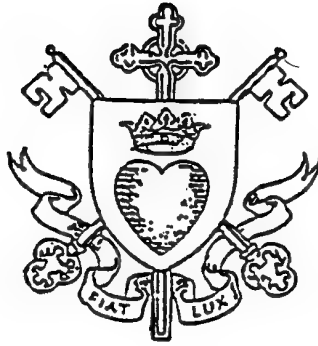
himself or the laws of the world in which he lives. Religion has helped but little. It is not enough to simply "believe" what the church says - one should learn to understand "why" - and yet to ask "why" and differ in the interpretation of religious teachings is called "heresay" in a derogatory sense. It could well be that those who set up the standards of what is "true" or "false" are the real "heretics". Since all Truth is relevant to man's depth of understanding of the meaning of Life.

We are acquainted with the saying of Jesus that, "in the world you will have great tribulation". Does this mean that God, who created the world, deliberately put trouble there for man to suffer? Again, if death and disease came into the world through sin, or falling short of our true nature as children of God, then by the overcoming of this sin it can be taken away. Organised Christianity has misunderstood the meaning of the Christ doctrine of Salvation. Followers have been led to understand that in believing that by the death and resurrection of Jesus two thousand years ago and attending the Church regularly they will inherit "salvation" or "eternal life" - whereas the Scriptures say, "You must work out your own salvation". This kind of statement is precisely what the Theologians go on about and finally decide, by vote, what is to be believed by the masses - or what they regard as "truth" and what they regard as "heresy". All this nonsense goes on whilst the Church continues to divide into numerous sects because those in charge refuse to see that Truth needs to be proved. Can the teachings of Jesus reveal a more abundant and wholesome life or is it a matter of putting up with trouble as a necessity for spirituality?

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"We find our solar plexus is fundamentally a nerve-centre which feels, and the pineal gland is a gland-centre which operates on feeling - a sun, as it were. The spiritual realities of these two functions are perception and feeling; and we must not try to awaken them to cause illumination. This would be endeavouring to enter the kingdom by process instead of by the door. Whoso does this, St. John says, is like a thief and a robber. When we "live the life" according to the law of the Spirit of life, even love, then these functions will awaken with no danger to the individual. The body and soul will be attuned to the higher vibrations."

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Because we "live, move and have our being" in the very ocean of elemental existence we are, in very truth, the "God", or Life Essence, incarnate - or the very Life and Power expressed in physical bodies.

In the Jesus teachings wherein He is trying to convince his hearers of this fact, he says, "When you have seen me, you have seen the Father." Whatever theologians and church authorities might make of this remark, Jesus revealed the whole secret of mankind's relationship with God. All manifested life is God incarnate in His/Her Creation or the emanation of Life Itself continually growing forth and maintaining Itself by way of sexual reproduction. Thus is the mystery of Life revealed in Holy Marriage. Externally by the union of man and wife and internally by one's discipline in the active pursuit of fuller understanding of increasing one's capacity for living.

Love and Wisdom in all their aspects are complete in the true Marriage. A true Marriage is the Synergy of two completely compatible forces and energies of which the Masculine and Feminine aspects comprise. Whatever one might observe in the way of courtship activities such as the methods devised for attraction and finally the sex act the whole process is the playing out of the unseen energies themselves.

In the deeper mysteries students are taught, or learn themselves, the doctrine of what is known as "Soul-Mates". This hypothesis states that for every Masculine unit incarnate, or discarnate, there is the harmonious feminine equivalent which eventually unite at a certain stage during "spiritual" growth to form a permanent bond thereby resulting in an androgyne form capable of formulating a "principality" or "divine Kingdom" within the Universal Structure. The teachings of Jesus could indicate such an idea; but what the disciples were taught in the Mysteries of Jesus have never been revealed publicly. Jesus indicated that the right marriage resulted in both aspects becoming 'one flesh'. This

could also indicate that by the opportunities presented in a true marriage the pair would eventually realise the truth of Life's revelation during their periods of closeness.

It is essential to follow a practice of maintaining the principle of "Oneness" - should one be seeking it - in every department of life. All humanity as one family, one God, one life partner - one supreme goal. The attainment of the feeling "at one" with all there is can be achieved by dispelling the sense of duality when understood in the "good and evil" terminology. It is better to approach the task by trying to know the oneness achieved in the mystical union of Love and Wisdom. One Life Power vibrating, or dancing, in the experience of Male/Female relationships.

In the Religious aspect of Life then the Male and Female roles have their equal importance. This fact was fully understood by the ancient Patriarchs and persisted, in some degree, until circa the 7th or 8th century AD when there were Lady Abbesses in the Celtic and other sects of the Christian Church. Since abstinence was introduced into the Priesthood an unbalanced sexual society has grown up and the many deviations we witness today are the result. If the "spiritual" system of society is unbalanced then one cannot wonder at the feeling of hopelessness rife in the minds of the common people - since the churches are the channels which provide the life blood to the community. Political ideologies reformed social systems can never replace that which is cut off at source. The troubles in the world today all stem from a materialistic approach to spirituality. People are under the illusion that they can apply the same attitudes as they use politically and socially to the practice of their religion - when in fact - the nature of God's world cannot be manipulated to the whims of human beings. The Holy Bible frequently makes this fact clear.

Since then our discussion is based upon the fact that Mankind is God Incarnate - whence all the discord?

The Ancients taught "as above so below" - this implies that when we come to the realisation of the truth of what is taking place in the manifested world - this is the reflection of the Principles involved at Source. It does not imply that what we witness and experience with our senses is true of what is going on, but rather our supposition of it. Much is clouded by our own concepts and involvement in our own little world of events. We have met several people who live in their own little worlds and are entirely oblivious to what is going on around them.

In the main then, the world out there - or rather what goes on in the affairs of mankind - is the sum total of what mankind has made of it. Communities have established their

own standards, ideologies and laws to live by and they rise and fall according to the nature of these systems. People create their own wars and diseases and then erect moral and religious philosophies to try to answer the problems arising within the frameworks they, themselves, have set up. It never occurs to them that these systems could be wrong because some people benefit materially under some ideologies and many suffer.

To explain the mechanics of the validity of the idea that mankind possesses the ability to learn the cosmic laws from experience is rather complex and one has to break down the processes into simple terminology.

Briefly - we suggest that when the Source of All Life, the Great Original Sun, exploded into activity from within Itself streams of Positive and Negative particles (Masculine and Feminine) issued forth producing massive fields of energy. When two or more fields of energy unite a Synergy is formed and the inherent intelligence which is relevant according to the size (quantum) appears as a separate or self-acting entity differing in aim and purpose from the others. Thus the primary creative entities became "smaller" Suns emanating their own unique form of creation - "life-bearing" solar Systems.

Each "lesser kind" uniting on a suitable plane of expression, a planet, reflected the same movement within its own unique form of expression - such as plants, animals and mankind.

Mankind then becoming its own unique species within the manifested whole possesses its own inherent expression of reflecting the same processes as the parent source: thus, we are Sons of the Sun. Being "Sons" and "Daughters" in our Masculine and Feminine qualities we learn of our true natures by experience - mainly by trial and error. This means that we possess the ability of "self-will" and it is here that all our "troubles" begin. However, we should not forget that whilst all forms of manifested life are unique in themselves they "live and move and have their being" in the great ocean of consciousness of the Parent Sun. Just as the Mother nurtures the child within her womb so are we being nurtured by the "food" - light-energy - from Source. We are all One Entity at root just as the family of mankind is in its complete sense. Now we can see where all our "sufferings" come from: we produce them ourselves because we are yet ignorant of all the laws operating on our behalf and we continually make the same mistakes because we have not yet grown-up, or matured, enough to see our mistakes, or even admit them. Thus the "sufferings" represent the manifested "energy forms" of misguided activities.

However in our suffering we have the comfort that we can reverse the trend by taking a different approach. We too have "Elder Brothers" who pass on the knowledge of their own experiences and leave us proofs that by changing our attitude and philosophies we can change our circumstances. Also, just like the young within our own species, we can stay stubborn and refuse to move along with right advice because it hurts our pride and because it often appears difficult to change ourselves, therefore we remain at the same level of self-awareness for hundreds of years within the "space-time" sense.

The Source and Beginning of Life which we call "God" is incarnate then in every form of manifested life from Sun to son. Just the same as you who are reading this lecture are of the same genes, same growth of cells, passed on from your parents and they from theirs. The whole human family, of whom we are speaking, are the sum total of one another of times past and of times to come. Forms come and go like the waves of the sea - a continual ebbing and flowing of life-forms. Humans, then, are but one facet of the great whole Activity of the Manifested Life of God.

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"It can be found that when people are allowed to live nearer to nature - the harmony it produces enables them to acquire more accurate information about the Universe itself: whereas the minds that are following set doctrines and dogmas, when feeling the need to break free, find themselves revolving within a mental boundary beyond which they cannot pass."

"The Ancient Patriarchs and Their Teachings"



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THE REASON FOR THE GNOSIS AND PURPOSE OF THE CLOSED ORDERS

Most people at grass roots level seem to be able to co-operate and get on well together, but we may find different people and different ethnic groups have their own religious beliefs which is where seeming divisions begin.

In the political field people with ardent political beliefs will mingle in a social group or public bar then quite vehemently oppose each other when it comes to questions relating to the conditions rampant in the world.

Heads of state will sit round conference tables with each other and then set up protective barriers around themselves when they get home.

Each religion, each political ideology and individual healing schools sit upon their own convictions that they possess the answers to the world problems and each believes that sometime in the future the whole world will come round to their way of thinking. It would appear that, when looking around, there never will be an agreement on any particular point - especially the major problem of a united humanity. Each group mistrusts any other outlook. What many fail to do is to break down all their own hypotheses and sincerely work together to discover that which is the Truth of the matter in relation to Cosmic Laws. To discover that there is a Truth about these Laws can also become a point of division when individuals proclaim that their interpretation of this Truth is the correct and only one.

What then is the answer? Maybe there is no answer when it comes to the Reality of Life; but it would seem illogical that the Universe is just a massive biological organism with no built-in pattern as to where it is going or from whence it came. Maybe it just meanders along in any old haphazard way until it finally collapses through lack of any inherent intelligent cognition of its own purpose!

Many believe that there is some kind of "super-human" being God in charge of everything and that one day He will put it all right - this would indicate that it got out of hand somewhere. Others

believe that the whole process began when a giant star exploded and the galaxy is the result. However, they cannot answer the questions relating to "fixed" stars, quasars, pulsars and other bodies which provide certain impulses requisite for an orderly universe. Some believe that it is not orderly but is just, as we have said, a large biological organism following along its own path. None are able to answer the question as to what was there before the galaxy began and who or what was the Source of everything. Only an intellectual fool would try to answer this question!

If we were to place a mixture of people as neighbours in one street: a Christian, a Jew, a Muslim, a Hindu, an occultist, a Communist, a Capitalist, an unemployed person and a thief all in one row of houses, we could find that as neighbours they would co-operate with each other when some danger threatened their community. A sudden epidemic, an earthquake, an enemy attack - any threat to their basic needs would be met by an attitude of working together. When outside threats are removed they would all resume their own differences of outlook - sometimes being quite hostile towards each other. This indicates that those beliefs and ideas which divided them were mere shams, false attitudes, and that the 'truths' of the philosophy of their differing beliefs were forgotten when genuine pressure was placed upon their individual human needs. Human beings are most vulnerable at their weakest points. Why do not these facts make people think and bring them together in the other areas of their existence? It would appear that humanity is riddled with problems which it cannot deal with and is full of questions which its leaders cannot answer.

People have murdered the "prophets of God" who come forth to warn them regarding their mistakes and explain to them how things can be put right. In spite of all this it would appear that there are people who 'love' trouble - get a kick out of making others suffer - so why should anyone bother to help humanity get rid of its troubles when it refuses to accept genuine steps for recovery? In many cases it is not until some people find themselves really at loggerheads with life and seem to be at a 'dead-end' regarding their future that they make any satisfactory move to extricate themselves from all the turmoil. We have discovered that whatever the situation appears to be there is a false answer to the problem - a twisted truth which obscures the underlying reality of Life Itself. This barrier to the Real Truth is perpetuated by the ability of people to remain blind as to what is behind the whole secret of life - if we would venture to call it a 'secret' in the light of the fact that this Truth eludes those who seek to understand it on their own terms.

Many organised systems invent their own 'sins' or 'faults' of which they accuse others of being guilty. The process seems never-ending and we could go on a while yet giving examples of the seeming enigmas and paradoxes which beset the human race.

Amidst all the perplexity of Life we do find those who will ask "Lord, teach us to pray" - simply because they have been taught that that is what they should do. Would it not be better to ask "Lord, teach us to Love"? or "Lord teach us how to live aright"? But to whom, in this day and age, are they praying or asking?

Could it be possible to believe that the Very Life of Everything is appealing to those blind to the knowledge of their true natures and is speaking to them continually from within, the point of their own Light, and from without through the voice of those messengers who are now abroad in the world? Spiritual blindness is one of the worst things to suffer.

If one is fed up with the present world systems - of any type - it is useful to know that there is a Cosmic and Hierarchical Government operating silently and unnoticed by the materially minded wherein freedom from all worldly pressures can be pursued. This Government has its representatives in much the same way as the worldly systems. In fact the worldly systems are shadows of the Real underlying Order which is eternal and unchanging.

Beautifully and Mystically the Inner Light reveals a world of tranquility, order and reliability - a world of souls who comprise the Spiritual Hierarchy of our Universe. A world where time stands still in its eternal wonderment of self-expression. A world where all souls meet on their inner levels to drink in the reviving waters from the never-ending fountain of life. Ours is a world which maintains a bridge over the chasm between the unseen and the seen realms of Reality - where longed-for dreams become a concrete experience.

Our principalities remain free from the suppositions and hypotheses at large in the world of humans. We are the Ekklesia which crossed the bridge of the two worlds which was fashioned by those gone before us in the successive chain of awakening to greater capacities. Ours is a world where Love is wedded to Wisdom in its pure essence to seduce mankind to realise its inner and true purpose on Earth. Upon the furrowed brow of mankind, furrowed by the worry and fear of a purposeless existence, we place our kiss of pure undifferentiated Love.

In our Secret Place we close the door upon the turmoil of this planet and share our time with the citizens of the Inner Dimensions. This Secret Place within each one of us can be focalised correctly under the guidance of our Patriarch who has worked silently behind the scenes in the awakening process of mankind. In Truth you can contact the Centre of this Solar System wherein our present work lies. Mankind has never needed you more than it needs you now to ease the suffering of its birth pangs into a higher dimension - a new situation where new technologies, new outlooks on politics and religion will arise. This work is always initiated by those pioneers who offer themselves as channels or filaments for the higher frequencies to flow into the

mass subconscious - purifying it and implementing new avenues of endeavour for people to follow.

The work of the Mystic is to sacrifice self to the true purpose for man being and here, to become an Elder Brother and be employed under the Prince of Light who rules the aspect they are following. At any one time there are seven Princes, sometimes twelve, embodying the essence and knowledge requisite to bring about the results required.

There is nothing fantastic about this - for just as one's body has its major organs to serve the whole body so has the Solar System and the Cosmos beyond works in a similar way as revealed in the Scriptures of every race and creed.

The true Initiate is the one who lays down his, or her, own opinions, own pursuits and places them on the Alter of Service working always to maintain a channel of Light to those who dwell in the mists of their own fears and doubts.

The true Initiate is the one who is the Master of his, or her, own Destiny for in very truth one is elevated to the sublime position of becoming a Lord of the Light. Our calling is Noble and Royal. Our Kingdom is governed by the Sovereign of all Sovereigns and we are the Princes and Princesses thereof who administer the Law. We are the Lords of the Ascension and those who have not ascended with us cannot understand our ways for the truth of being is aware only of Itself and all other ideas are alien to It.

The fact of the Existence of the Inner Kingdom lies in the personal experiences of each one who gives themselves up to the new citizenship wherein the standards of the outer world count but little. When all mankind achieves this state the outer world will reflect all the beauty and truth of the Inner Reality.

"Righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his waist. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the ox will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed together and their young ones shall grow up together; and the lion shall eat straw like an ox. And the sucking child shall play with the serpent, and the weaned child shall put his hand into the hole of the asp. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11 : 5-9)

You, me, they - all share in the glory of the Universe for in Truth we are all equal because each one of us has our unique qualities to contribute to the whole.

This dream is yet to be fulfilled.



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We have discussed the many reasons why people experience much suffering and unhappiness in the world. There is a theory that this world is already the hell spoken of in the scriptures and that this planet is where we are actually paying off our debts for all the wrong things we have done in our rightful or proper abode - a kind of "devil's island" to which we have been sent. The reason why we have all the injustice, misery, wars, etc is because this is the area where all the 'evil' performed by the certain persons involved are perpetuated here on Earth by virtue of the refusal to live by the set Cosmic Laws.

Another interesting theory states that the Creator has produced all the Good and Evil from within itself and we just have to beg and pray this Creator for clemency believing that we are punished for our sins. We also have to wait for a 'last day' when God will act and put everything right.

Among all the sects, groups orders and speculative philosophic organisations we find an amazing array of theories and reasons for us being here and of our relationship with a supposed God. Most of the material available about man's place in the Universe is based upon speculation and hypotheses founded upon the fact that there should be a reason why we are here or that some God or Source brought us forth according to some plan this God has in mind. Because there are so many opinions we find almost as many groups formed as there are differing opinions.

The majority of people have been brought up to rely upon the speculative theories advanced by those who are supposed to be experts in certain fields of research and we suffer from a rather narrow academic approach to the many problems arising in the process of living an everyday life. Experts seem to get set in a particular line of research based upon some hypothesis which may or may not turn up with answers. Most ideas which appear outside the academic approach to situations are rejected because these pose situations which are destructive to a comfortable and self-satisfying career or court ridicule upon those who dare to cut across the theories of the status quo. Why is it then, because we find ourselves in such a vulnerable situation, being

part of nature, that we find it difficult to be what we are? Does an elephant find it difficult to be an elephant, or a sparrow a sparrow? It could be stated that the truth of everything must exist whether we are aware of it or not. The answer to many of the perplexing questions must lie in some ability wherein one can stop the flow of human supposing and eventually touch upon the evidence of another area of mind where facts can be gained which result in the assurance that one is part of a permanent and reliable universe wherein everything is assisting everything else to find its own measure of fulfilment.

To come to understand nature correctly we should take our stand as responsible citizens of the world, challenging the systems which bind people to outworn dogmas, lack of supplies and unwholesome conditions - these - all these are the manifestations of man's inhumanity to his own specie: the evidence of greed, power and the will for possession. Do not always confront those responsible openly but work in secret. Cleanse yourself of these same things for inasmuch as you hate the perpetrators of these things, and criticize them for their misdemeanours, you contribute to the mass subconscious wherein lies the mire of human evils. Take courage not to react to all that you witness with your senses - for your judgement could be wrong. Open yourself to that Power, that Essence, which governs all Life's true experiences and a way will be opened up in which you can find a better way to serve humanity.

If you are a man strive to learn the lesson of Love; if you are a woman strive to learn Wisdom: for these are the elements of the man and the woman. In the mystical Illumination of the Bridal Chamber Love is wedded to Wisdom and the secret of being a true husband man in Earth's Garden of Eden is revealed and slowly the Heavenly Family grows to that point wherein the Divine Kingdom becomes a reality on this planet. Let us not forget that even if we are wedded to our true Soul-Mate and experience and know the eternal, those in the world seek to experience love and often in their seeking have brief glimpses of their own true state. We can possess no more than they do for the fulness remains forever the fulness no matter who experiences It.

The true Gnosis transcends exoterism and esoterism alike. Mankind needs to leave all of his props behind to understand that which is True. We should seek to restore to our experience all that is lost through our ignorance and our persistence to carve a name for ourselves by following humanly evolved hypotheses which really lead to disillusionment. This does not mean that we live as a recluse. It means that we can lead a balanced, healthy and happy life because we respect everything and everyone, make the right use of our faculties and place the Source of all manifestation in its right perspective.

A true follower of the gnosis does not swear simply by gnostic literature alone but uses all spiritual writings as a means to

keep the mind centred in the right direction. Everything is here for our enlightenment and we can find enjoyment in all religions and points of view without acquiring fixed opinions and becoming a secluded sectarian. Such is the freedom we have which we find is a puzzle to our friends who are the clergy of other denominations.

Freedom from the world does not release us from any kind of responsibility but rather increases it because the more we know of the reasons for human errors, the more it should encourage us to do something about it, knowing that everything, good or bad, is in mankind itself. In this knowledge we strive to implement the desired patterns within all our actions until one day that which is right for us will unbalance the false concepts and the road to a golden age will appear on the horizon.

We have looked at varying points of view during this series but we have to admit that "points of view" do not necessarily get us very far in understanding ourselves or our fellows for in fact individual "points of view" differ immensely in one's approach to life. We can argue, discuss and study numerous opinions but we still remain ourselves and problems of a similar nature appear for each individual as if they are glued to a wheel which is continually turning, and each time the same problem comes round we react like an annoyed "fly on a wheel". As each problem is an individual one, then it is only by individual action that change can come about - even in a mass disaster each problem has the mark of an individual nature upon it. Importance then is laid on the fact that every individual is responsible for him, or her, self in relation to life's outworking - in seeing to it that we are doing what we should, then if everybody does it, the whole cannot fail to experience the result.